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Disagreement and variation in epistemic intuition

ABSTRACT: If philosophers use intuitions about particular cases as evidence, how distressed should they be that their intuitions are not universally shared? There are several different types of variation in epistemic intuition: I aim to clarify which types of variation would be truly problematic for epistemologists who use intuitions as evidence. It has been claimed that problematic epistemic diversity has been uncovered by Nisbett's cross-cultural work on reasoning. I examine both the conceptual foundations and the empirical results of the Nisbett program and argue that this program presents no threat to traditional epistemology.